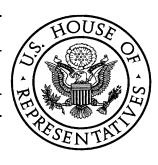
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On Tax Day, Rep. Honda Seeks to Reunite South Bay Residents with Their Long-Lost Tax Refunds

California 15th Congressional District Resident owed \$13,874 by IRS

San Jose, CA —Someone from California's 15th Congressional District who lives in Campbell has a \$13,874 refund collecting dust at the IRS. Congressman Mike Honda (D-San Jose) today unveiled the list of 408 residents of California's 15th Congressional District with unclaimed and undeliverable tax refunds sitting at the IRS. While the IRS cannot publicly announce which check belongs to which person, we do know that the \$13,874 check belongs to someone on the list of 408 names.

Honda recently discovered that 408 residents of California's 15th Congressional District were due refunds ranging from \$1 to \$13,874. Current federal law prevents the IRS from releasing the names on its own, so Congressman Honda is helping to spread the word.

"We need to do all we can to provide common sense tax relief for America's families," said Honda. "When I learned that residents of my Congressional District are owed up to \$13,874, I wanted to find a way to reunite citizens with their money by getting the word out."

As a public service, Congressman Honda has published the list of individuals that live within the 15th Congressional District that are due tax refunds on his website: www.House.gov/honda/tax.html.